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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

CA,F&CS Department – Appointment of AP-MARKFED as an additional agency for paddy Procurement under MSP from Kharif Marketing Season 2021-22 - Orders – Issued.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & CIVIL SUPPLIES (CS.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 9 **Dated:19-10-2021.**

Read:

GOMs No.19, CA,F&CS Department, Dated 29-10-2020.

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ORDER:

In the reference read above, Govt. have issued orders indicating the Policy guidelines for procurement of paddy in Kharif Marketing Season 2020-21. In the Govt. orders it was stated that Andhra Pradesh State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd. (APSCSCL) shall procure FAQ paddy, mill the paddy and retain the resultant raw rice for Targeted Public Distribution System and Other Welfare Schemes as per allocation made by the Central Government and hand over the excess rice either raw or boiled to the Food Corporation of India for Central pool.

2. GoAP has been taking several measures like YSR Rythu Bharosa Scheme to develop the agriculture sector and reduce the debt burden on farmers, YSR Rythu Bharosa Kendras to timely source of quality and better priced inputs, YSR Zero Interest Scheme to provide interest free crops loans and reduce their financial burden and YSR free power to farmers etc. In view of the various measures taken by the GoAP besides good monsoons during the Kharif, paddy production has increased tremendously year by year. During the year 2020-21 APSCSCL has procured 83.16 lakh MT of paddy from the farmers. The tentative paddy procurement for KMS (Kharif and Rabi) 2021-22 expected to be around 110 lakh MT.

3. In order to make the MSP operations farmer-centric and ensure farmers to avail the benefit of Minimum Support Price (MSP), the paddy procurement operations should be more robust and accessible. The Paddy Procurement Centers (PPCs) at Rythu Bharosa Kendras have to ensure timely procurement and delivery of procured paddy to rice mills, without any inconvenience to the farmers. To implement the said measures, special focus is required on the paddy procurement process. Also, as per the Decentralised Procurement (DCP) Memorandum of Understanding, GoAP can appoint agencies for paddy procurement operations in the State. Hence, an additional agency to be appointed to support APSCSCL for seamless paddy procurement and with greater focus during procurement. An additional agency shall also assist to develop requisite infrastructure, in better management of PPCs at RBKs and exercise complete control on the paddy procurement process and benefit the farmers.

4 The AP-MARKFED has been successfully procuring other agricultural commodities such as cereals like Jowar and Maize, pulses and other food grains etc under MSP operations in huge volume. It also carries out its procurement activities at Village level through the RBKs, across the State, through a network of well-established procurement centers. In this regard, appointment of AP-MARKFED is beneficial for the improvement of paddy procurement operations in the State, and its expertise in procurement of agri commodities and existing infrastructure can be leveraged to assist APSCSCL in paddy procurement.

5. After careful consideration of the matter, it is hereby appoint AP-MARKFED as an additional agency for paddy procurement commencing with KMS 2021-22 to assist the APSCSCL subject to the procurement being done at no additional cost to that currently being incurred. The AP-MARKFED shall undertake paddy procurement operations in accordance with the procurement policy orders issued from time to time by Govt. Claims for all subsidies and receivables from GOI, FCI and GoAP will be submitted and claimed by APSCSCL. The applicable cost of procurement will be released to AP-MARKFED by APSCSCL soon after funds are received from GOI, FCI and GoAP.

6. The Managing – Director, AP-MARKFED shall ensure procurement of paddy in co-ordination with APSCSCL accordingly.

7. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide their U.O.No. FIN01-FMU0ASD(CSUP)/12/2021–FMU-AC-CS-AH, (Computer No.1509935) dt. 14-10-2021.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

M. GIRIJA SHANKAR
EX-OFFICIO SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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